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INDUCTION OF MINE PROTECTED VEHICLE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether insurgency prone areas of J&K and North East are badly affected by underground mines;
- (b) if so, whether the Army propose to induct indigenously developed and manufactured mine protected vehicle;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which mine protected vehicle will help in curbing activities of militants/terrorists?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Mines are not being used by terrorists in insurgency prone areas of Jammu and Kashmir and the North East. However, Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), similar to mines, are being used sporadically by terrorists at times buried underground.
- (b) & (c): The Indian Army has a proposal to induct indigenously manufactured mine protected vehicle. The indigenous mine protected vehicle has been developed by Ordnance Factory, Medak.
- (d) Mine protected vehicles provide a high degree of freedom of movement in areas prone to IEDs and enables swift reaction with greater degree of protection.